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Dear Jim and family,

Jim Lesar apparently forgot to get the clerk to stamp the first page of the affidavit for me. He gave it to me Wednesday. He is going to get a copy of the first page next time he is at the federal court. If he remembers.

He was taken sick and was behind on everything.

We have had no reaction, from the judge or from the government.

This is my extra copy and the only one I'm giving anyone. I do not try to attract attention to these things. I'm not trying to sell anything. The attention generally is of no help in court but it does attract those who are inclined to misuse anything for a headline.

Don't recall when I wrote last or what I said about what had happened to me. I am not at all sure I know. But I have learned the designation of an arterial problem, I hope the only one. It is called a "sub-clavian steal." That is the medical term, "steal."

I knew what the clavicle is, the shoulder-blade.

But "steal," medically?

The specialist's secretary forgot to put the amount of his bill in that part of his form. In another he had this phrase.

So my wife wrote and told him we'd be glad to pay the bill but he forgot to tell us how much. And when he told us that, if it was not too much trouble she'd like to know what a subclavian steal is. His reply is that it was an embarrassment to an artery. Yup, embarrassment. That, too, has this special medical meaning.

When I told Jim Lesar, whose wife is a radiologist, he looked it up in one of her medical books. It seems that when one part of the body is not getting enough blood it steals it from another. With me it is the brain that needs more and it steals it from the artery below the clavicle.

Elementary my dear Watson.

Hope you are all well and that the students are studying hard as well as having a good time.

Best wishes,